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TO: All Persons Completing the Standard Form (SF) 86
Questionnaire for National Security Positions

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SUBJECT: Revision of the Standard Form (SF) 86

Until the 2008 Revision of the Standard Form (SF) 86 Questionnaire for National Security Positions is issued this fall, all persons completing the form will respond to Question 21 using revised language, whether completing the paper copy SF86 or the Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-Qip) format. The revised Question 21 language is as follows:

Mental health counseling in and of itself is not a reason to revoke or deny a clearance.

In the last 7 years, have you consulted with a health care professional regarding an emotional or mental health condition or were you hospitalized for such a condition?

Answer "No" if the counseling was for any of the following reasons and was not court-ordered:

- *strictly marital, family or grief not related to violence by you; or*
- *strictly related to adjustments from service in a military combat environment.*

If you answered "Yes," indicate who conducted the treatment and/or counseling, provide the following information, and sign the Authorization for Release of Medical Information Pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The SF86, 1995 version of Question 21, "Your Medical Record," provides a place for entering the dates of treatment and the name and address of the therapist or doctor. If you answer the above question "Yes," provide the dates of treatment and the name and address of the therapist or doctor as solicited.